

## Weekly Rogue River Courier

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### ACTIVITY AT THE ALAMEDA.

There is great activity at The Alameda mine. The smelter and the machinery generally is being put in thorough repair. Besides, there is considerable equipment being added preparatory to resuming smelting operations, which will be inaugurated as soon as the condition of the roads will permit freighting from Merlin. The winter has been quite favorable and, as a consequence, the mud has not been as deep as usual between the railroad and the mine.

The company will at once enlarge the coke bins at the smelter and will also considerably enlarge the ore bins at that point. A large ore bin will be erected at the big shaft for temporary storage of ores taken from the lower levels. The work on the shaft will be pushed this season with great vigor and will be continued to the thousand foot level and it is expected that the rich ore bodies will continue to grow richer the entire distance.

Development is being carried forward in tunnel A (the main tunnel) and also at the 100 and 300 foot levels in the shaft. In tunnel A they are driving north, or into the hill, on the vein, being in now about 1000 feet. This tunnel is producing very fine ore which is showing good values. Taken all together the mine is in fine condition and in six weeks more it will show up even better than it does now.

It is proposed to have every thing in readiness to commence operations in earnest in the smelter and the mine by April 15th. The company expects to complete the auto-truck road this season between Leland and the Alameda and before another winter sets in everything will be running smoothly so as to have continuous operation of both the smelter and the mine during the twelve months of the year.

### PROBE TO THE BOTTOM.

The city of Grants Pass has been very much wrought up, during the last forty-eight hours, over an incident in which an innocent person was made an unfortunate victim. In the attempt by city police officers to serve a search warrant in this city on Saturday night, James Bixby, one of our esteemed citizens, was badly wounded by a bullet from a gun in the hands of some reckless person. The affair was disgraceful in the extreme and demands a thorough investigation at the hands of the authorities. The Courier is unable to place the blame where it justly belongs, except to say that, as far as the police were concerned, the business was badly managed. There could be no possible necessity for a gun-play in serving a paper of the kind mentioned. Firearms are always dangerous in the hands of people of an excitable nature, and to this cause must be attributed the unfortunate incident which is so much to be regretted by all.

### FARMER'S MARKET PROBLEM.

"The Farmer's Market Problem" will be the subject of an address that Dr. James Withycombe, director of The Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, will deliver before the Josephine County Pomona Grange, at its session to be held at Murphy April 6. Dr. Withycombe comes on invitation of Pomona Grange, issued at their session at Merlin, Saturday. The doctor is well known to many of the farmers of the Rogue River valley and his being on the program at the next Pomona Grange is a feature that will attract a large attendance.

The market problem is the most serious of all the difficulties that now beset the farmers of the United

States and especially those of the Rogue River valley. It is the markets for farm produce that affect land values. When the farmer gets but little over one third of the total that the consumer pays for the article, it becomes a matter of rigid economy on his part to make his farm pay expenses, let alone a profit. It is the earning capacity that fixes the value of all property, so when the farm earns little or no profit it has small worth as an investment. How to make Rogue River valley farms profitable investments is now the problem that is uppermost with the farmers of this valley, and if the Grange can give them helpful information on this subject the organization will be doing a great work in the prosperity and upbuilding of this section of Oregon.

### MEANING OF ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION.

The expected has really happened and Roosevelt has declared that he will accept the republican nomination if it be tendered him by the national convention. The contest is between the friends of Roosevelt and those of President Taft and it will take some weeks to determine the relative strength of the respective parties. Roosevelt, to a large extent, is the idol of the people, regardless of party, but just what his strength will be in the convention has yet to be figured out. This much can be said, that the republican situation has within the last two days changed for the better from the fact that either of the candidates for the nomination can carry the whole strength of the party if nominated. The third term bugaboo has no terror for Roosevelt or a large majority of the republicans, and hence his nomination will not endanger the success of the party. It is rather amusing to see the attitude of the democratic press in regard to the republican situation. It evidently equally fears both Roosevelt and Taft and is not slow to see that the ex-president has made an adroit political move to insure harmony in the republican ranks. Loyal republicans will gradually settle and become satisfied with the will of the party as expressed by the convention.

### THE PROPOSED POMONA FAIR.

The Grange people of this county who will, through the Pomona, hold a fair in Grants Pass this fall, have inaugurated a movement in the right direction and, at the same time, have paid a handsome compliment to the capital city of this subdivision of the state of Oregon. Such a fair will unite all parts of the county, through and by means of the various granges. In an important work which must result in bringing about better agricultural conditions generally. It goes without saying that the Commercial club and business men will assist in this important work and the result will be that much good will be accomplished. It is to be hoped that the mingling men of the county will join in this movement and hold what will be, in effect, a mining congress, at the same time and place.

### IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial Club for the election of officers will take place on Monday evening, March 11, and it is to be hoped there will be a full attendance and a careful selection of members of the official board. Out of the nine trustees only R. L. Coe and O. S. Blanchard are holdovers. There is to be elected a president in place of George C. Sabin, a vice president in place of Samuel H. Baker, a treasurer in place of Dr. W. W. Walker and a secretary and manager of the promotion department in place of H. L. Andrews. The officials holding these positions are honorary members of the board of trustees. There are three trustees to be elected in place of H. C. Kinney, J. W.

Donnell and L. L. Herrick.

The importance of the meeting referred to can hardly be over-estimated as the prosperity of our city and county for that matter, will largely depend upon the action that may be taken at this annual meeting. Wise and prompt measures may be called for on the part of the Commercial club in the very near future. There will be things to do which only the Commercial club can successfully undertake. This organization will be the get-together platform upon which we can all stand. A good Commercial club, in which men unite for objects of the common weal, has a value over and beyond any other organization in city or county. The club is of the very highest importance in guarding the welfare of the city; and when we take into consideration the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is a part of the parent club, it will be seen at a glance that there is power and influence for good associated with this commercial organization.

### FIND OUT THE TRUTH.

The serious condition of Charles S. Bixby, who was shot last Saturday night, adds to the importance of the question as to who did the shooting. The defense in the Rowley case will contend that it would have been impossible for the chief of police to have fired the bullet which struck Bixby, if it is true, as is claimed by the officer's enemies, that he was in the creek some distance below the level of the bridge. It is stated that expert testimony will be furnished at the hearing, to show that the bullet which entered the unfortunate man's left shoulder, must have been fired from the surface, at least on a level with the bridge. Fair minded people will demand clear testimony before being convinced that the officer did the shooting. They do very justly blame him, however, for indiscretion at the time of serving his search warrant. It was a mistake but not a crime.

The entire matter seems to be degenerating into a wet and dry fight. This is all wrong. There must be an honest attempt made to find out the truth regardless of prohibition or the "blind pig" business.

### MRS. W. M. COLVIG DIES IN MEDFORD

In the death of Mrs. William M. Colvig, in her home at Medford, Jackson county lost another of its pioneers and a most estimable member of its civic life. Mrs. Colvig was the wife of Judge William M. Colvig, and both are widely known over southern Oregon.

Mrs. Colvig was a native of Jackson county. She was born at Ft. Birdsey, near Foothills creek. She was the daughter of David and Clara Birdsey, who settled on a donation land claim in 1852. Her father died several years ago, but her mother, who is now 78 years of age, is still living, her home still being on the old donation claim. She was married to William M. Colvig on June 8, 1879, and lived with her husband on land adjoining the Birdsey homestead until 1886, when she moved to Jacksonville with her family. The family resided in Jacksonville nineteen years, moving to Medford in 1905, where she has since resided.

Mrs. Colvig was prominent in social and lodge affairs and a few years ago was grand chief of honor of the Degree of Honor, a woman's auxiliary to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom, together with her husband, survive her. The children now living are Mrs. C. L. Reames, Mrs. R. G. Gale, Mrs. W. J. Warner, Vance and Donald Colvig, all living in Medford.

EUGENE, Feb. 29.—Mistaken for a burglar when he entered the combination store and postoffice owned by Edward Smith, at Lowell, Joseph Joshua Cain, mail carrier, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Smith early today. Smith shot Cain through the back. He fired from a window above the store entrance.

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In the Matter of the Estate of D. S. Holton, deceased, J. D. Holton, administrator.

Notice is hereby given that J. D. Holton, have been appointed administrator of the estate of D. S. Holton, deceased, and any persons having claims against said estate will present them to me at Merlin, Ore., in care of Chas. Ladd.

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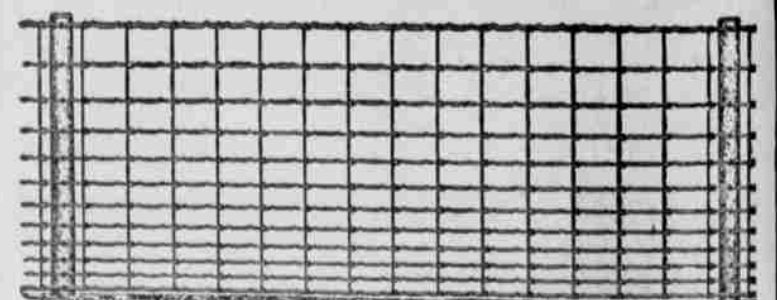
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### JURY HUNG AFTER

112 HOURS DELIBERATION.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 29.—Unable to agree after 112 hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of J. B. Sneed, millionaire banker of Amarillo, on trial for the murder of A. G. Boyce, Sr., was dismissed today by Judge Swayne. The body was hopelessly deadlocked. It was reported that seven stood for acquittal and five for conviction. Sneed shot Boyce following an argument over the elopement of Mrs. Sneed with Boyce's son.

les. The state convention will be held in Aberdeen on May 1, it was decided.

### LAFOLLETTE REPUBLICANS WORK FOR DELEGATION.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29.—Lafollette republicans meet tomorrow evening to form a committee to fight for a California Lafollette delegation to the Chicago convention. Three hundred voters signed the call for the meeting.

### MAY LOSE HEAD BY EVERGLADES SCANDAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, it was learned today is in imminent danger of losing his official head because of the Florida Everglades scandal. President Taft, according to report, has offered Wilson's portfolio to three different men.

### CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ENDORSED PRESIDENT.

TACOMA, Feb. 29.—With "stand-patter" in absolute control the state republican central committee here today endorsed President Taft and turned down presidential primar-